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1. Many of the students taking the course at the Apollensdorf VPD to prepare them for the rank of Stellvertreter für Technische Ausrüstung in the Bereitschaften failed to pass the interim tests given in April 1951. These unsuccessful students have been returned to their units and replacements requested.
2. The Motor Vehicle Battalion is still in Adlershof, but the workshop for the vehicles is in the Central Supply Depot. This repair shop was originally intended to serve as a central workshop for the third-echelon repairs for all of the HVA, but on the insistence of General Makarov of the Soviet Control Commission this scheme was abandoned. At present the repair shop services only the Motor Vehicle Battalion and those vehicles from outside units which happen to need repairs while in Berlin. The idea of a central workshop has been replaced by a plan calling for mobile workshops for every Bereitschaft.
3. The officer in charge of weapons and equipment (Waffen und Geräte) in the various Bereitschaften is directly responsible to the officer in command of Kommando IV (Artillery) and is not subordinate to the officer commanding Abteilung Versorgung.
4. At present there is no known plan to establish a separate Intelligence Section in each Bereitschaft. The Stabkompanie will control the Signal Unit and will also evaluate and act upon the information obtained by the Aufklärungs Abteilung. This is analogous to the procedure adopted by the old Wehrmacht.
5. The premises previously held by the Bereitschaft at Apolda have now been handed back to industry. Although the buildings occupied by the VP School in Apolda are still free, there is some talk among HVA staff officers that the HVA will return there.

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